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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/756,842	<b>Applicant(s)</b> KRYGLER ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> MICHAEL J. FISHER	<b>Art Unit</b> 3689	

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### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 August 2009.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 6 and 9-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 6,9-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                    | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)           |
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## DETAILED ACTION

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

Claims 6 and 9-12 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over  
Fulcher

As to claim 6, Fulcher discloses a parking meter (fig 1), that does not issue parking tickets (receipt, abstract, lines 4-7, "receipts or passes", thereby meeting the limitation as claimed as a receipt is not a "ticket") for indicating a paid parking time (on the receipt) and with a central control device (512), for a plurality of spaces (col 4, lines 41-43 show an example of this), a selection device for selecting a time (704, as best seen in fig 11), there is a display used to display the information (204), which information could be used as an indication of amount of money that has not been used (as it displays the time paid for, this would be an indication of money not used), a return device is provided for the return of payment corresponding to the parking time not used (col 18, lines 49-51) the central device includes a fee table (706), a time generator for determining the return (722-724), the device is a read-write unit for a card (that which holds the bar code to be scanned), the card can be a "chip card" (col 17, lines 20-25), the card has a code connecting it to a charge account (the card is used to pay). a code is assigned to the chip card (col 17, lines 22-25), the system is read-write (col 23, lines 15-18), the card is recognized by the unit (col 17, lines 25-35) via the code on it (otherwise, the reader could not tell any cards apart). The system uses "smart cards" (col 8, lines 26-28), there is an individual credit account (6.19 in fig 20). The system would charge what is owed, thereby meeting the limitations of "storing the value of the

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debited amount". As Fulcher checks the card for payment, it would check if the number coincides with the number recorded as it checks the number.

Fulcher does not, however, teach showing a refund amount. Fulcher does, however teach a display (as previously discussed) and refunding over-payments (fig 11, 722,724), therefore, it would have been obvious to display this so the user could ensure the proper amount is refunded.

Fulcher does not, however, specifically teach how the code is assigned, however, where the code is assigned is a matter of obvious, engineering design choice and therefore, it would have been obvious to have the central control device assign the codes as it centrally controls the process. Further, Fulcher does not specifically teach that the display displays the amount to be refunded. However, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to have the display the refund amount so the user could see that the proper amount was being refunded.

As to claim 12, Fulcher discloses the system as accepting PINs (col 23, lines 31-34), and further, it is old and well known to use a PIN with a card that can be used to pay for goods or services (such as at bank ATMs), therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to require a proper PIN for a card to ensure the person using the card is the owner of the card.

As to claim 10, the battery is 528.

As to claims 9 and 11, a parking space is selected (802).

### ***Response to Arguments***

Applicant's arguments filed 8/17/09 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Arguments merely stating that the prior art does not teach what is claimed is not proper argument and will not be further addressed.

As to arguments in relation to "paper tickets", the prior art, as discussed above, does not necessarily dispense a paper ticket, a receipt is not a parking ticket, it is merely a record of the transaction.

### ***Conclusion***

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MICHAEL J. FISHER whose telephone number is (571)272-6804. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri. 7:30am-5:00pm alt Fri. off.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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